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1. FMS CASE SAE-P4 CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A WEAPONS SYSTEM LIAISON OFFICE AT KUWAIT AIR FORCE HQ. THE PROGRAM MASTER PLAN CALLS FOR THE TEAM TO BE COMPOSED OF ONE GS15 AND ONE GS-14. CASE IS SILENT AS TO DATE WSLO IS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

2. REFTTEL HAS REPORTED KAF DESIRES WSLO ASAP. EMBASSY IS OPINION THAT ONE GS-14/15 IS REQUIRED ASAP WITH OTHER GS14/15 AT A LATER DATE.

3. PENDING FORMAL APPROVAL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF USLOK, EMBASSY IS WILLING TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING THE USN WSLO AND PROVIDING THE USUSAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR USG AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO NEGOTIATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

4. THERE IS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING IN KUWAIT. ALSO, FURNATURE REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICAN FAMILIES IS IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY AND THEN AT COSTS WHICH ARE TOTALLY UNREASONABLE. EMBASSY HAS FOUND THAT IT IS COST EFFECTIVE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PROCURE FURNATURE IN CONUS AND SHIP (SURFACE) TO KUWAIT RATHER

THAT PROCURE LOCALLY. FURTHER, OUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT USE OF A SET OF FURNATURE BY TWO USERS IS COST EFFECTIVE AS COMPARED WITH SHIPMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED FURNATURE. EMBASSY IS OF OPINION THAT WSLO TO BE ESTABLISHED WILL BE REQUIRED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS (RECOGNIZING ALSO THAT PRESENT FMS CASE DOES NOT COVER THIS PERIOD) AND THAT BEST VOURSE OF ACTION FROM VIEWPOINT OF USG, GOK AND INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED IS PROCUREMENT OF ONE SET OF FURNATURE PER INDIVIDUAL AND APPROPRIATE QUARTERS LEASED AND FURNISHED. RAPIDLY RAISING RENTALS AND UNCERTAINTIES RENDER PRIVATE LEASES INADVISEABLE.

5. EMBASSY INSISTS THAT THE SAME STANDARD OF HOUSING, ETC., APPLY TO ALL USG PERSONNEL OF EQUIVALENT RANK/GRADE/RATING REGARDLESS OF AGENCY. THE STANDARD WHICH WILL BE APPLIED IS THE EXISTING STATE DEPARTMENT STANDARD. SINCE DOD PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED WILL BE ON A REIMBURSEABLE BASIS (BY GOK) AND THIS STANDARD IS DEMONSTRABLE TO GOK BY EXISTING USG FUNDED PRATICE, EMBASSY ASSUMES THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTIONS. SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER PRESENT CONSIDERS THESE STANDARDS ADEQUATE CONSIDERING LOCAL SOCIAL CONDITIONS, CLIMATE, ETC.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FUNDS BE PROVIDED ASAP TO PROCURE FURNATURE AND SHIP TO KUWAIT. PROCUREMENT/SHIPMENT TIME REQUIRED IS TYPICALLY SIX TO NINE MONTHS. THIS CAN BE REDUCED BY ABOUT THREE MONTHS BY EXPEDITING SHIPMENT PROCEDURES IN CONUS. THIS IS USUALLY THE TIME PACING ELEMENT IS ESTABLISHING AN AMERICAN FAMILY.

7. FOLLOWING COST ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED:

	GS15	GS14
A. FURNITURE	6462	5974
B. PACKING	1967	1832
C. PIER DELIVERY	205	205
D. SHIPPING	7831	7821
E. DRAPERIES	1075	1075
F. APPLIANCES	3100	2890
G. APPLIANCE INSTALL.	180	180
H. TRANSFORMERS	250	250

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I. KITCHEN/STORAGE CABINETS	1000	900
J. PAINTING, CLEANING, ETC.	425	425
TOTAL	22495.00	21552.00

8. REQUEST PROVIDE PLANNING DATES FOR ARRIVAL OF USN PERSONNEL.
REGARDLESS OF DATES DESIRED COUNTRY CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE
GRANTED UNTIL ADEQUATE QUEARTERS ARE AVAILABLE.

9. MATTER OF IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS, PRIVULEGES, ETC., IS BEING
ACTIVELY PURSUED WITH GOK. ASSUME THAT SATIFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS
WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF ANY PERSONNEL.

10. REQUEST ADVISE USN PLANS/INTENTIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.
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